Report of the Secretary to the Staffordshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel Monday 21 June 2021

Annual Report on the Management of Complaints, Purported Complaints or Conduct Matters against the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner and Deputy Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner

1. Recommendation:

1.1 That the Panel note the information contained in this report.

2. Background

2.1 Under the Elected Local Policing Bodies (Complaints and Misconduct) Regulations 2012 this Panel has statutory responsibility for handling and recording complaints, purported complaints and conduct matters about the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Staffordshire and his Deputy. NB complaints alleging criminal misconduct are dealt with by the Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC).

2.2 To remind members, the April 2019 meeting of this Panel approved an updated procedure for the handling of complaints aimed at better defining the type of complaint which the Panel can consider (ie those about the personal conduct of the Commissioner and/or his Deputy).

2.3 The Panel's responsibility for the handling of complaints is, in the main, delegated to me with the proviso that I report annually on cases dealt with. Accordingly, I can report that in the last 12 months reporting period a total of 8 complaints have been received (from 5 individual complainants).

Complaint No.	Action
32	Not deemed to relate to Conduct
	matter.
33	Not deemed to relate to Conduct
	matter.
34	Not deemed to relate to Conduct
	matter.
35	Referred to IOPC in view of
	allegations of criminal actions.
	Awaiting result of IOPC investigation.
36	Referred to IOPC in view of
	allegations of criminal actions.
	Awaiting result of IOPC investigation.
37	Not deemed to relate to Conduct
	matter.
38	Referred to IOPC in view of
	allegations of criminal actions.
	Awaiting result of IOPC investigation.

An analysis of those complaints is below:

39	Referred to IOPC in view of
	allegations of criminal actions.
	Awaiting result of IOPC investigation.

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1.0. Equalities Implications

1.1 None

2.0. Legal Implications

2.1 The Panel is required to have a formal complaints procedure for the handling of complaints, purported complaints and conduct matters about the PCC and/or his Deputy.

3.0 Resource and Value for Money Implications

3.1. There are no significant resource or value for money implications from this report.

4.0 Risk Implications

4.1. Compliance with Regulations on the handling of complaints, purported complaints or conduct matters about the PCC/Deputy PCC addresses the risk of challenge to the governance arrangements of the Panel.